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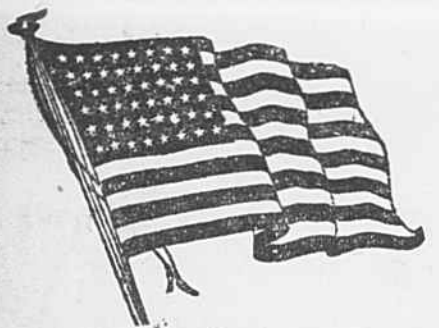
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## JURY PACKING.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ENGLAND'S opinion that the jury act passed by the last Legislature which places a limit upon the amount of jury duty a citizen may do does not apply to grand jury service robs the act of practically all the interest it held for this county.

It is said that the legislation was passed to correct the evil of chronic jury service which has become quite serious in some of the counties of the state, and it is a pity that the bill was not drawn in such a way as to make it include the practice of packing grand juries which is carried to such a point in Marion county that there is always a doubt about the even handedness of the justice that is administered here.

Perhaps the explanation for what appears to be a grave oversight lies in the fact that in no other county in West Virginia would this be attempted.

The law as interpreted by Attorney General England makes any juror ineligible to again serve on a jury in any court for four years after once serving. It is a reasonable law, and steps should be taken to amend it so that it will put an end to the spectacle of a few men being reappointed upon every grand jury that sits in the Marion county court house.

## NEGLECTED VAGRANCY ACT FEATURE.

THERE is one feature of the so called 36 hour law which it seems to us has not been emphasized as it deserves to be. It is that part of the law which provides that one-half of the fair value of labor performed by men under sentence of vagrancy shall be paid by the county or municipality toward the support of those legally dependent upon the vagrant.

Organized relief associations, county officers who are charged with responsibility for providing for the needs of necessitous families and others who come in contact with the results of chronic loafing ought to find in this a way out of one of their worst problems.

They are all familiar with the shameless shirkers who not only will not provide for those naturally and

legally dependent upon them, although amply able to do any kind of hard work, but will even eat the greater portion of any food that is provided for the others. In the past there seemed to be no way of circumventing these creatures short of letting the others starve.

But the vagrancy law not only provides a way in which to get rid of the leeches, but to make them help keep the other members of their families. This should be taken advantage of by the people we have mentioned and even by citizens who casually learn of such cases.

## ANOTHER JOB OF PRICE FIXING.

AT a time when light rails such as are used in mines are quoted at about \$100 per ton, and hard to get at that figure, and a keg of the kind of spikes needed to pin the rails down costs more than three tons of coal are worth to the producer at the price fixed by the government, about the only thing the producer can do when the miners demand an increase of 20 cents per ton in the rate for mining and a flat boost of 40 or 50 cents per day for labor at the mines is to refer them to the government.

Whatever may have been their private feelings about the matter the coal producers of the country have not raised a finger to oppose the government in any of its plans for the regulation of the coal industry. Men who have every dollar they own in the world invested in mine plants have indicated that if need be they will get along without a dollar of profit while the war lasts and throw their services in for good measure. But even patriotism as generous as that cannot stand the pressure if both ends are going to play against the middle. If the government is going to fix a price so low that there is no money in it for the mine operator it is only fair that it should also undertake to settle with the miners who are demanding more money, although they know that the price operators who were supplying the open market are getting but half what it was a month ago.

Mine labor of all grades should be well paid. It is but natural and right for the men to make an effort to get as high a wage as they can. But it is impossible to get blood out of a turnip, and it is equally impossible to get high wages out of mine operations, the product of which must be sold at a low figure at a time when everything that goes into mine costs is higher than it ever was before in the history of American mining. These things being true, the outcome of the effort to have the people at Washington take a hand in the Central district wage conference will be watched with the liveliest interest in every coal field in the country.

The report this morning that the Vandelland hospital in the Verdun sector was Wednesday night again bombed by German airmen, with the result that 19 men too severely wounded to be moved were killed, makes one wonder what is the matter with the minds of the German military authorities. The men responsible for these murders may never be punished, but the whole German people eventually will have to suffer for their sins.

In a statement given out at Indianapolis yesterday William Green, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, said miners are leaving the mines and seeking employment where they can work more steadily and earn more money. That the men are leaving the mines admits of no doubt, but if they could be given steady work there are not many industries in which they could find congenial employment where they would make more money even at the present rate of pay.

Brigadier General White, of the British army, who has been in this country for some time in charge of a recruiting campaign, says "the war feeling is deepening every day." This opinion of an outsider corresponds with the observations of Americans who know how to gauge public opinion in their own country. We did not want to go into this war, but once in it we are quite likely to want to make a thorough job of it. People who for various reasons are opposing the war and trying to make the work of the government difficult had better take warning of the changing condition of the public mind, for the time is coming when they will be treated with anything but consideration.

The \$11,000,000 war credit bill has already passed the House. Spending the public's money is one of the things the House does with dispatch.

The announcement, which comes by way of the Department of Education at Charleston, that the new high school which is to be built at Monongah is to be a full fledged industrial school will awaken general interest in both the building and the experiment that is to be made in it after it is finished. And it will be only natural if most Fairmont people regret because Monongah is to lead the city in this form of education which is so clearly needed in this community. But it will come here, and when it does come perhaps Monongah's experience will enable us to avoid some costly mistakes.

It is inevitable that in the government's war upon the I. W. W. and pacifist movements great injustice will be done to many thoroughly loyal people. But it cannot be helped. At a time like the present the only attitude the government can take with safety to the best interests of the whole nation is that those who are not for the government are against it. Sensible people will accept that and govern themselves accordingly, and those who are not sensible and expose themselves to unpleasant consequences will have only themselves to blame.

well have done without his wall, by simply affixing a few notices, prohibiting outsiders to trespass, same as the Consolidation Coal company is doing now-days in America.  
WILLIAM D'ANDREA.

## RUFF STUFF

German political leader says the war will end by the first of the year.

Sounds too much like another "get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas" movement for the world to take much stock in it.

If the local committees that are to help Doc Garfield fix retail coal prices are composed of retail coal dealers the public will wish it never heard of this price fixing business.

Automobile makers are going to cut out the muffler cutouts.

That's terrible news, for most of the auto owners in town will never be able to get up the Fairmont avenue grade with the new cars.

At all events the stupids will think they can't.

Consol has put up notices advising

men to avoid arguments.

As the world's series time is getting close the city might borrow some of those cards for use at the street corners.

But come to think of it they won't do.

The Consol cards are printed in six languages but baseball is not one of them.

"One soldier with whiskey wrapped up in his chapeau was among the passengers who came in on the train."—Morning Astonisher.

Now I ask you, Oscar, what is a chapeau in West Virginia?

Wrapping up whiskey in anything is something of a trick, but in his chapeau on a cold damp night—Berton Bravley to the contrary notwithstanding—it can't be did.

The price for reckless driving in Wheeling is \$100 fine, court costs and 30 days.

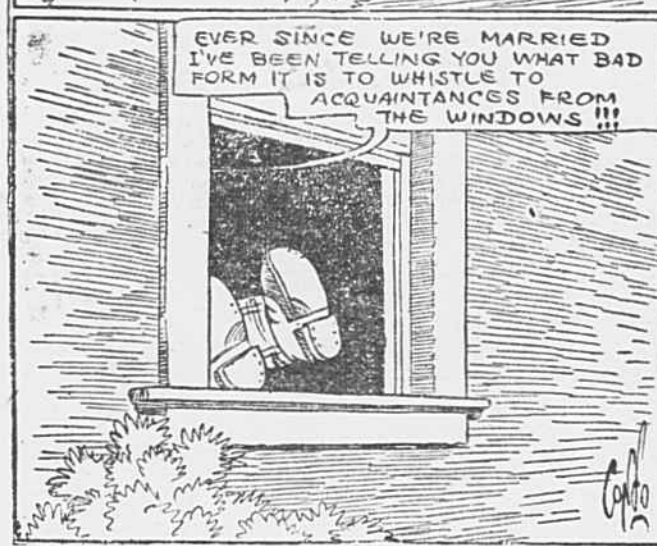
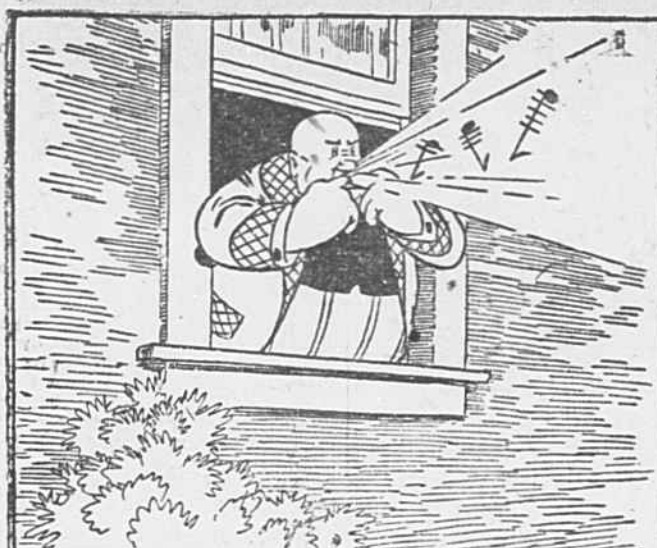
In Fairmont they think they are subjected to cruel and unusual punishment if the mayor scolds them.

But it is a cinch that they obey the laws when they are in Wheeling.

And that is something all of them do not do here.

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO)



## RUSSELL TELLS ABOUT RASPUTIN SCANDAL'S PART

This Greasy Impostor Had Important Part in Shaping Revolt.

This is another of the series of articles by Charles Edward Russell, staff writer of The West Virginian, who has just returned from Russia, where he spent three months as a member of the official United States commission to the new Russian government.

By CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL.  
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"What I should like to see," said a sturdy American one day at dinner in the Winter Palace, "is an international law absolutely forbidding any German prince or princess to marry anybody outside of Germany, henceforth and forever."

He plumped this out in the midst of a pause in the conversation so that everybody got the full wallop of it. Our English guests naturally looked unhappy and made no comment, but the rest of the table applauded.

Z. We had been talking about the Evil Genius of Russia, which was the present Mrs. N. Romanoff, late czarina and Head Trouble Maker.

She had helped a lot to put the Romanoff family out of business. Also to enable about 30 representatives of democracies then assembled to sit at ease about her late table.

What was about a million times more important, she had had a hand, without knowing it or meaning it, in bringing on the Russian revolution, the best thing that has happened since the Fall of the Bastille.

The reason our English friends looked sad at the mention of the subject is because the royal family of England is about all German and many of its marriages in the last 60 years have been with German princes or princesses.

The curse of monarchy is real, persistent and terrible. Monarchy is an utterly lunatic and poisonous institution that should have been abolished from the face of the earth 140 years ago. The price Europe has since paid for clinging to the worn out old bunk is appalling. Witness this war.

Also, the fact that the war was not ended months ago; also a long array of details that have made a horrible conflict all the worse.

One of the countless bad things about fooling with royalty is that the offspring of royalty can marry only with the offspring of other royalty.

Germany had always an amazing overcrop of princelets and princesses. Elsewhere in the world there were not enough to go around. Consequently every royal family in Europe became German and is German today.

Generally speaking, a German is always a German. No matter where he or she may go, the ties of Germany continue to bind, the thoughts and ambitions continue to be German.

All the trouble in Greece, for instance, was made by a German prince married to the king that the Greek people, for some reason or other, still allowed to mess and mishandle their affairs.

If Greece had been a republic she

would have kept her agreement, landed troops at the Dardanelles, taken Constantinople, put Turkey out and enabled the war to end in the autumn of 1915.

But about this czarina of Russia, she was a German princess, and although the country upon whose throne she sat was at war with Germany, she betrayed the country she helped to misrule for the sake of the country of her birth.

She was proud, arrogant, overbearing, neurotic, unpopular. She had her way absolutely with her husband, who was cowed by her furious self-will and was a weak man anyway—except when it came to sending revolutionists to the gallows or Siberia.

The czarina likewise had weak spots in her character. She was in deadly fear of assassination and she was almost insanely superstitious.

There is abundant evidence that from the beginning of the war she had the purpose to bring about a separate peace between Germany and Russia.

She seems to have been held back by one fear, and that was what the Russian people might do to her if they found out her treachery.

According to the story current in Russia among the best informed persons it was the czarina that elevated Stuermer, the German, to the place of foreign minister, and it was she that urged on the ministers that had arranged Russia's surrender just before the revolution broke. But for the revolution the thing would have gone through and the 150 German and Austrian divisions now on the Russian front would have been released to be hurled against France.

Before this the czarina had come wholly under the power of that astounding abnormality and villainous fake monk, Rasputin.

He never was a monk, as a matter of fact, but early in his vicious career he discovered that a pretense of piety was an easy way to win the confidence of the women he preyed upon. For this purpose he proclaimed himself the apostle of a new kind of holiness and put on vestments to which he had no right. Wearing that garb, he led a life of shocking immorality.

The czar and czarina had one son and several daughters. For the sake of the succession the czar and his wife were always greatly worried about the health of their son. Rasputin used this feeling to get the czarina in his power.

It is supposed that among the other women he had hypnotized was someone that attended upon the prince, and that she was induced to do the food of her charge. Anyway, Rasputin announced that his constant presence and care were necessary to keep the prince well, and when the czarina scoffed at the suggestion, he foretold the prince's sickness and went away.

The prince immediately fell ill and

continued to be ill in spite of the best efforts of the court physicians.

The czarina then fell a-shaking with superstition and gave orders to have the holy man brought back.

Whereupon the prince got well. Soon after that Rasputin became the real directing power of Russia, through the czarina. She did what ever he told her to do, and he was and had long been in the pay of Germany.

He led the czarina along the way she was perfectly willing to go to a separate peace with Germany. He was the go-between and agent in the negotiations; he is supposed to have fixed the prices at which the traitors were to sell themselves.

Meantime a scandal had arisen and swept all Russia concerning the relations between Rasputin and the czarina. There may have been no basis for any such reports, but it cannot be denied that the czarina helped them along by behaving without restraint or discretion, and as for Rasputin, he openly boasted when drunk that he had made a conquest of the czarina.

Before long 95 per cent of the Russian people knew the story and believed it. The old respect for the czar had long been dying out. This story finished it.

Pretty nearly everything in this world seems to have a use, soon or late. Rasputin was a beast and a greasy impostor, but he helped on the revolution. And so, strangely enough, did the German princess that planned to betray Russia and unwittingly saved it.

## Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

### CADORNA BEGINS TO EMERGE.

From the New York Times.

What is General Cadorna's objective? He will not permit a word on the subject in any official report, but the growing developments from day to day seem to point unmistakably to something greater than the taking of Trieste. Besides, there should be no need to make a mystery of that. There is great significance in the official news that the Allies are about to hold a military conference in Paris and that the Italian and Russian situations "are expected to bring about a complete revision of the Entente military plans for the fall and winter months." This cannot mean anything less than that the plans are to centre around the Italian campaign; in other words, around Austria.

If the Italian campaign were directed only to the taking of Trieste, it would create no commotion in the allied high command, would certainly not involve the readjustment of the whole fall and winter plan of campaign on all fronts. The dispatch referred to clearly indicates that the French and British have received a decided jolt; that they have suddenly awakened to a belief that Cadorna can furnish them with the key of the situation. Hitherto they have not believed in the possibility of his succeeding completely in his plans, so the dispatch indicates that the plan were only for the taking of Trieste, there would have been no such skepticism, in view of what he had already accomplished in that direction; still less would there have been any idea of rearranging the war moves of the French and British to fit in with it.

Cadorna is striking in two directions at once, south and north, toward Trieste and toward Klagenfurt—"toward Vienna," as the latter direction is sometimes called, in the sense that if there were nothing in the way no would proceed from Klagenfurt to Vienna. In his northern movement he is gradually mastering the Bainsizza Plateau. When he has that plateau in his possession he can descend from it into the Chiapovano Valley, and when he gets there he will be able to strike between the two wings of the Austrian army and separate them. That will leave their flanks in the air, and he can turn on either or both and roll them up.

If Cadorna does that, the description of his northern movement is "toward Vienna" will cease to be merely geographical and become military. In other words, his objective at present appears to be neither Klagenfurt nor Trieste, but the Austrian army, and he seems to be working to encompass its destruction as a military force. It is a vaster objective than any that any allied commander has aimed at since the war began. If he can break through the Austrian army in the Chiapovano Valley and then turn on and defeat its

separate wings, Italy can begin a campaign that has Vienna for its object.

It is true that no hint of Cadorna's aims has come from him. We do know that he set out with a definite plan, a definite object, two years ago, and that he has steadily moved toward it, never abandoning even a detail of it and slowly adding success to success. We also know that this unusually silent general permitted himself to say the other day, after his troops had gained their footing on the Bainsizza Plateau, that the result would be at the battle now in process of achievement will become the greatest of the war. Following on that statement and that initial success came the news of the conference to be held in Paris, which is to rearrange the campaign and hinge it on Italy. From these hints we may conclude that Cadorna has Trieste only as an incidental objective, and that he means nothing less than the actual invasion of Austria, which has been the object he has kept steadily in view from the beginning. We may conclude, too, that when his troops debouch in the Chiapovano Valley that object will be in sight. And we may conclude that the coal and munitions which struggling Italy has begged from skeptical allies will come in an abundant flow from convinced, converted allies, who are electrified to see in her not a poor relation, but a Moses.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### STAY OUT!

FAIRMONT, Sept. 6.—[Editor The West Virginian.]—When Che Hwang-te erected the celebrated Chinese Wall around the northern frontier of China, about 2,131 years ago, it was to stop the Huns, that were incessantly manouevring in the proximity of the Celestial Empire, in a way not at all satisfactory to that Monarch.

Notwithstanding our knowledge of him, as a great reformer, markedly fond of progress, we know, too, as consequence of facts, that he did not want any of this progress extended beyond the wall, and that it was a progress wholly according to his own ambitions and conveniences.

The few that opposed him were sent to the quarries, or, still better, executed.

The ruins of the great rampart remind us today of the greediness and despotism of that ruler; the tolls and sacrifices of that poor people.

But I am of opinion that if China had had a language that could have been understood by the majority of the surrounding tribes, and if the Huns and others had been well behaved folks as we are, Che Hwang-te could

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